

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

L. A. Bell, Past Gr. Master of Masons is in the city on business.

Prof. Leftwich, president of Baptist College, is in the city arranging school matters and drumming up the faithful.

And now Ardmore is asking for the Muskogee Union Ry. All the towns want connection with Great Muskogee.

On Tuesday night, two mail sacks were cut open at the depot and two registered packages stolen, no clew to the thieves.

Mr. Hark Phillips of Texas is in the city prospecting and is so well pleased that he will purchase a farm near by and locate among us.

The colored band boys are furnishing music for the picnic at Corretta this week. Our boys deserve the patronage of the public.

When your teeth need attention go to Fisher & White Carolina Building they are the best dentists in the city and give kind and courteous treatment to all.

The City will have pipes for gas laid within a short time as the manager of the Muskogee Ice & Power Co. has been ordered to spend \$60,000 in the laying of pipes.

The street paving of Muskogee will begin at once also the building of the Opera House and five story hotel and the street railway. These are a few of the improvements now on tap.

Dr. R. H. Waterford the old reliable can be found at the old stand. The darts of the enemy were thrown aside by his protecting shield. The Dr. has a large and growing practice hence the jealousy of some.

The delegates to the World's Masonic Congress, reinforced by L. E. Sango, Thos. Manuel, A. Clark, L. F. Fue, H. H. Hard and others will leave Sunday for St. Louis.

C. I. Elliott, formerly of Waggoner is in the city, preparatory to opening up a dry goods store in the Wiley Jones' Building. Mr. Elliott is an old ex-Muskogee man and could not stay away from the metropolis.

On Monday, Aug. 1st., about 9 miles west of Braggs at a dance there were three persons wounded in a fight; one woman shot in the leg, a man shot in the jaw, and another man in the leg. This is a preliminary to the celebration on August 4th.

The Federal officers captured a trunk of whiskey at the union depot on Wednesday morning and spilt the entire amount. All the old toppers looked on with sad eyes and aching heart when all of the fine ripe old vintage was swallowed up by the soil.

The new A. M. E. church is nearing completion. The roof is on, the ceiling is finished, and the work is about ready for the

painter and plasterer. The building will be ready for use about the first of September.

Mr. Phillip Caesar is on the sick list this week. Mr. Caesar is one of Muskogee's most prominent and progressive citizens. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. E. L. Thurman is planning to put in a first-class barber shop with bath tubs, cigar and mug cases &c., which will make his, the only place of its kind for colored people in the southwest.—SO NOTE IT BE.

The Odd Fellow fraternity throughout the Indian Territory are astir, planning to meet the Grand Lodge at Ardmore on the 9th inst. Do your best boys for truly some of you will be Odd when the Grand Lodge adjourns.

Rev. T. H. Tyson, Presiding Elder of Muskogee district, is now in the city and will hold the 3rd quarterly conference for the A. M. E. church next Saturday and Sunday. The business of the conference will be done Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The friends are invited to attend the services at the new Masonic Hall near the office of Judge Twine.

Mr. Tom Grayson has donated two acres of land for burial purposes for state folks and their family, and one acre for church and school. This gentleman deserves much credit for this philanthropic movement. Others need to copy his example.

Twenty of the fifty letter-carriers of Memphis, Tenn. are colored, and twelve of the 16 substitutes belongs to our race. The civil service law is strictly enforced there, and "intellectuality" is the test for appointment.

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